

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1363 - SB 1373

February 27, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the use of state funds, as of May 1, 2017, from being expended on registration fees to, or travel to or from, any conference, symposium, or workshop that would be attended by members of the General Assembly.

Requires each member of the General Assembly, beginning on May 1, 2017, to disclose travel expenses received from an established and recognized organization of elected or appointed state government officials, staff of state government officials or both officials and staff, or any other established and recognized organization that is an umbrella organization for such individuals, within 10 business days of returning from a trip in which travel expenses were received.

Defines the term "travel expenses" for the purpose of this legislation. Requires the Office of Legislative Administration (OLA) to develop a disclosure form for the purpose of such forms being completed and returned to OLA by members of the General Assembly for the purpose of disclosing such travel expenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures –

\$17,800/Office of Legislative Administration/FY16-17

\$106,700/Office of Legislative Administration/FY17-18 and

Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- According to the OLA, travel expenses incurred by members of the General Assembly totaled \$106,714 during calendar year 2016. This number is assumed to remain constant in subsequent years under current law.
- Any decrease in state expenditures will be recognized in the travel budget under the OLA.
- The recurring decrease in state expenditures to the OLA is estimated to be \$106,700 beginning in FY17-18.
- Given that no state funds shall be expended for the specified purposes as of May 1, 2017, the decrease in state expenditures to the OLA in FY16-17 is estimated to be \$17,783 [$\$106,700 \times (2 \text{ months} / 12\text{-month year})$]

- Any increase in state expenditures to develop the required disclosure form will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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